

JANUARY 2020

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

**Have you Heard the
Word...**



Charlie is on His Way

The Alberta Elks Association Executive is thrilled to announce the arrival of our favourite Elk! Charlie will be available soon to make a visit to you!

Book Charlie for :

**Parades
School Visits
Lodge Events
Hospital Visits
Cheque Presentations
and more...**

To book Charlie for your lodge event email
elks.secretary@abelks.org

**We are Growing the
Herd!**



THANK YOU for Your Support!

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Communications Committee, we would like to take a moment to thank all the lodges and individuals that helped make the First Annual Christmas Tree Ornament an outstanding success. It is because of YOU and your continuous support that we are able to try new adventures like this. If you have not yet had a chance to order an ornament do not worry we still have a limited supply left, however when they are gone they are gone! Remember \$10.00 from every ornament sold goes to support the Alberta Elks Foundation this year. Ornaments are \$20.00 and can be ordered through the Alberta Elks Association Office.



***"The clock of their day has stopped . . .
across its face the motionless shadows mark the Hour of Eleven.***

*"With Heartfelt recognition, we share with you the names of those members
who have passed on in 2019, gone but never forgotten....*

Brother Joseph Philip Robert "Phil" Sevigny November 14 1933 -July 7, 2019

Brother Thomas Cecil Gordon November 17, 1925 - August 3, 2019

Brother Gordon Lloyd Twa September 1, 1944 ~ June 7, 2019

Brother Leo Leszynski September 14, 1925 - August 7, 2019

Brother Walter Scheidt February 15, 1931-June 13, 2019

Brother Robert (Bob) Gibson November 11, 1924 - May 14, 2019

Sister Vera Evelyn Havens October 24, 1919 - August 14, 2019

Sister Verda Rutha Kozie November 16, 1926 - August 23, 2019

Brother Richard Wade January 12, 1933- December 10, 2019

Brother Harold George Chick August 6, 1928 - February 21, 2019

Brother William Raymond Graham Aug. 10, 1929 - Apr. 25, 2019

Brother John Beniuk June 7, 1928 -December 14, 2019

Brother Curtis "Wayne"Hunt August 19, 1948 - May 5, 2019

Brother Solomon Reinhold Ruff March 25, 1933 - June 16, 2019

Brother Larry Virgil Walters January 27th, 1943 - June 16th, 2019

Brother Jay Robert Walker May 9, 1963 - May 20, 2019

Brother Amelio (Mel) De Paoli September 4, 1936 - November 3, 2019

Sister Elaine (Kenney) Hennel Jun. 18, 1938 - Aug. 23, 2019

Brother Brian Murray (Sam), Campkin October 4, 1945 to May 16, 2019

Sister Jenny-Lynn Farthing May 30, 1944 - November 27, 2019

Brother Paul Anthony Wald November 23, 1948 - February 22, 2019

Sister Eva O'Donnell August 15, 1918 - March 04, 2019

Brother James "Jim" Peter Kirwan October 30, 1932 - July 24, 2019

Brother Dennis Eldon Meadahl June 16, 1944 - October 2, 2019

Brother Richard Foesier June 16, 1944 - October 2, 2019

Brother Lawerence Owens April 20, 1931- December 16, 2019

Brother Ron Neville October 16th, 1937 - November 23rd, 2019

Sister Mildred "Milly" Parks September 23, 1933- November 23, 2019

Brother Ed Henneburg 1940-November 22, 2019

Brother Charles (Charlie) Page Thompson May 7, 1926 - August 1, 2019

Brother Robert Larsen November 18, 1946 - April 2, 2019

Brother Garth Billington September 8, 1930 - January 14, 2019

Our sincere apologies if we missed recognising any departed members



Meet the Team



District Deputy Denis Ellingboe. Denis Ellingboe was born May 6, 1951 to Art and Kozy Ellingboe. He was the fifth child of a family of eight, four boys and four girls. Denis graduated from Beaverlodge Regional High School in 1970. He worked in various occupations during the winter months and farmed his parents farm for a couple of years. In 1979 he was drawn into starting a Home Hardware Building Supply business which he managed for many years.

Denis volunteered with many community organizations and served as President of the Hythe & District Chamber of Commerce and the Hythe & District Curling Club. He was very active in the curling circles for a number of years.

In 1978 Denis was asked to join the Hythe Elks Club and served as Secretary for one year. Denis also served as Exalted Ruler in his Lodge for quite a number of years. In 1996, Denis was elected as District Deputy for District 3 and served for one year. Denis was elected to the Alberta Elks Association in 1997 and served as Provincial President in 2000-2001. He also chaired the Alberta Elks Foundation and served on the ISTAR Board of Directors. At the National Convention in Yellowknife in 2010, he was elected to the National Executive and served as the Grand Exalted Ruler in 2016-2017.

Denis continues to serve the Elks in his home Lodge and was elected to the position of District Deputy for District 3 in 2019. Denis's father, Art Ellingboe, was a charter member of Beaverlodge Elks Lodge #249.

Denis enjoys cooking and sports in his spare time. He continues his career in building supplies sales working with Nelson Lumber in Grande Prairie. Thank you for your dedication Denis!

10 Years of Elkdom



Carstairs Elks #556
Congratulates Brother Eric Vester
on his 10 year pin. So wonderful to
have you as a member of the
Alberta Elks



Brother George Attawall and Brother Justin
Gustafson of Crossfield #416 were on hand to
present the Crossfield Preschool with a cheque
for \$2000.00. Thank you Crossfield Elks 416



St. Paul Elks 465 members
made a presentation to the
Capella Centre for \$6000.00.



Outstanding Job Delia Elks

As District Deputy for District 10, I would like to recognize Delia Elks Lodge for their efforts towards keeping their lodge in such great shape. I was there on December 16th for my official visit. They had just finished a Christmas dinner for the volunteers and a Santa Day for the kids. They have bingo every week and pancake breakfasts every three months. They are the smallest village in my district (250 people in Delia) with the biggest heart. Congrats Delia! Sharon Davis DD

GOWNS FOR GRAD
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
DIDSBURY ELKS

The Didsbury Elks are looking for gently used Grad clothing and accessories that we can use for our upcoming Gowns 4 Grad promotions. These events will be open to any high school graduate in the County of Mountainview with no strings attached. We are looking for dresses, suits, shoes, jewelry, any items that will help to make graduation a memorable event for the less fortunate.

If you would like to donate clothing, or cash to assist with purchases of accessories we may need, please contact Terry @ 403-556-0882 or Joan @ 403-556-5207 to arrange for pick up.

Dates for try-ons:

- January 25, 2020 11am to 4pm
- January 29, 2020 7pm to 9pm
- February 8, 2020 11am to 4pm
- February 19, 2020 7pm to 9pm
- February 22, 2020 11am to 4pm
- More dates to come!

All grads welcome to come and pick out an outfit and make your grad a special day.

Let's Give It a Try!
Vegreville Elks #143
Is Hosting a
Floor Curling Tournament

When: February 1st, 2020
Register by: January 5th, 2020
(Maximum 20 teams of 4)

Where: Vegreville Senior Citizens Sunshine Club
4630 49 St, Vegreville, AB

Cost: \$200/team
Includes lunch and banquet.
Minimum 3 Elk members and non-member

Contact Allen Kornicki for more information and to register.
• Email—alkornicki1402@hotmail.ca
• Phone—780-632-9296

Door Prizes, Bar Service

Alberta Floor Curling Association Floor Curling Game Procedures and Rules Apply.

Have a story to share?
Email your successes to
elks.secretary@abelks.org



Membership Corner

Mile's View

By Miles Johnson

JUST MY OPINION.....

I really don't know anyone (including me) who enjoys going to a business meeting. It's very easy to find something that should take priority, it doesn't matter if it's a church, union, club, co-op, or even an Elks Lodge meeting. We have, every single one of us said, "Went? Really? Tonight? I'm tired, I worked hard! I'm meeting out, my cats got a fur ball."

Why is this? Well here are some suggestions:

1. Meetings are too flipping long. When I was researching this, I found that when a meeting goes over a half an hour you have lost the interest of at least 50% of the people at the meeting; after an hour you have lost everyone.

2. It's just too serious. The first time I went to an Elks meeting in another Lodge, at the Good of the Order people were encouraged to tell a joke or say where they had gotten a good deal on something. In this way people can get something out of the meeting rather than just "The Meeting". Let's be truthful - meetings (especially Round Table meetings) are, well...BORING. If we interject a little humour, a little ritual, a little something. Maybe we can make them a little less boring.

3. I don't get anything out of it, what's in it for me? The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalo (the in some ways parent organization of the Elks) have what is called a "GRAZING" at their meeting. It's a meal, a simple soup or stew. Other organizations also include a meal, a lot of service groups like Kiwanis and Lions have their meetings over lunch or over the supper hour. You are more likely to go to a meeting if you getting out of cooking that night. Some Elks Lodges play cards after their meetings. And of course, the Stone Cutters off of the Simpson's "Get Drunk and play Ping Pong" at the conclusion of their evenings.

The problem is that business meetings are here to stay. Without them nothing gets done. In our case without them there would be no Crown and Anchor, no pool of blue jay nights, no Christmas Supper, no Grey Cup party, no Crib Nights, no Music Jam nights, or whatever a Lodge has going. There would be no raising money for charities and, above all, for some Lodges that are still fortunate enough to have a building... there would be no building.

I would also suggest that two other things happen when people don't go to meetings:

1. A Devastating thing to an organization is when people think that they have nothing to contribute. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every member in our Lodges have done stuff and learned things that would be useful to their Lodge. When we don't show up, we steal our ideas from the group.

2. The other thing that happens is that the same people do most of the work and this leads to burnout, and even worse, it can be the beginning of an "Old Boys" network. These are things that have killed many a Lodge but I don't think that in most cases they were started with malice or wrongful intent. It tends to start as a group who gets comfortable working together but, at times, it can morph into something distributive with others feeling shut out.

So, what can we do? I've come up with three suggestions. And these are only mine and I am 100 percent sure where are better ones from the floor.

1. NO MEETINGS OVER 1 HR! And yes - this includes opening, closing, minutes, correspondence, reports the whole shebang! It may mean that time on debate

may be limited, new ways to do business will have to be explored, the Exalted Ruler may at times have to resemble Attila the Hun. But, if there ain't no audience there just ain't no show!! And after an hour, nobody is listening. There is nothing wrong with running a meeting by a clock

2. Each and everyone of us make a commitment to make it to at least half the Lodge meetings in a year. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons not to make a meeting, being sick, family or work commitments come to mind. But that's only five meetings out of ten a year and should give us an adequate attendance. If, of course, you're on the Executive it behooves you to do better.

3. Maybe, once in awhile, a "Grazing" wouldn't be a bad idea. Nothing fancy, but a stew or chilli, burgers or even soup. Eating is a social activity and brings people together.

If we shoot for these goals, along with the other positive stuff we have happening, we will be in our communities for a long, long time.

Protect Against "Burnout"

The Alberta Elks Association has thousands of hard working dedicated members. Members who donate their time for the betterment of their lodges and communities. However sometimes that dedicated member all of a sudden gets moody, stops showing up, and worst case that member quits all together. As we enter into 2020 let us be mindful of each others well being. Here are some causes of "burnt out"

- Not knowing when to say no
- Not knowing how to say no
- Being in a toxic environment around toxic people
- Prioritizing others over yourself
- People pleasing
- Superhero syndrome (I can do it all)
- Unrealistic expectations
- Having little control over what you are doing
- Not being appreciated for what you do

Upcoming Presidents Visits



Delbure Elks #206	January 13	8:00 P.M.
Edson Elks #87	January 14	7:30 P.M.
St. Albert Elks #585	January 20	7:00 P.M.
Stavely Elks #112	January 21	8:00 P.M.
Fernie Elks #81	January 23	8:00 P.M.
Manville RP Elks #205	January 27	7:00 P.M.
Cornation Elks #360	January 30	6:00 P.M.



Foundation News

PLEASE READ IN OPEN LODGE

The Trustees of the Alberta Elks Foundation are concerned with the lack of grant applications from the Lodges these past two years. Since our 2019 Conference, we have had the following –

- seven General Grant applications
- two Disaster Assistance grant applications
- three Tabs for Tots grant applications
- three Personal Assistance grant applications.

Why do we have such a lack of applications for funding? Are there no projects within your communities or regional hospitals? Perhaps the membership is unfamiliar as to what can be applied for?

General Grants

Lodges can apply for funding, up to \$2,000, at any time throughout the year. Community projects such as playgrounds, community halls (not Elks facilities), skating rinks, etc. will be considered. If your Lodge has a project that you would like to support and are asking for funding over \$2,000, approval for that will have to come from the membership at Conference.

Disaster Assistance

A \$500.00 cheque will be provided in the event a family with children have lost their home. Initially all that is required is a telephone call to the Foundation Office to start the process. A cheque in the family's name will be forwarded to your Lodge for presentation.

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Tabs for Tots

Applications in the amount of \$2,000 and less will be considered by the Trustees throughout the year. Anything in excess of that amount will have to be approved by the membership at Conference.

Personal Assistance

Though this grant process is currently under review by the Foundation Trustees, applications are still being considered. Changes that will hopefully make the process easier are being looked at.

All applications require a copy of the minutes stating the support of application to the Foundation and in most cases, matching Lodge dollars are required.

We urge your Lodge to take a serious look around your community – contact your local recreation board, your schools, your regional hospitals, etc. – to see if there is a project, no matter the size that you can perhaps take on.

Funds from the casino have just arrived and the Tabs for Tots funds are building up – the Foundation has the money to help your Lodge support your community.

Contact us if you require further information.

Yours fraternally,

Leonard Shain, Chair
Alberta Elks Foundation

ALBERTA ELKS
FOUNDATION

51st ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize
\$30,000 CASH

Second Prize
\$10,000 CASH

Third Prize
\$5,000 CASH

Fourth Prize
**Fas Gas
Gift Cards
Value \$1500**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE
US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research
Training, Research and Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children
Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

Tickets
\$2 each OR 3 for \$5

30% of all Ticket sales go directly back to the
selling Lodges to invest in their communities

FINAL DRAW DATE **JUNE 27, 2020**

All draws to take place at Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St., Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Early Bird Draws
March 12, 2020
\$500 Fas Gas Gift Card

April 9, 2020
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

May 14, 2020
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

78,350 TICKETS PRINTED

LICENSE NO. 534442



Looking for an Unique way to Have Fun?

Double Feature, Movie Night Fundraisers

What's better than the smell of freshly popped popcorn, a comfy spot to cuddle, and an entertaining movie? **Nothing!**

That's why fundraising with a family movie night is an easy way to raise much needed money. Actually, it's as easy as turning the lights down and letting the movie credits roll.

CREATING YOUR OWN DIY DRIVE-IN THEATRE MOVIE PARTY

The best part about our drive-in theatre movie party is it's a lot of fun, but doesn't take a lot of effort or money! All you need is some delicious food and DIY cardboard cars for the kids to sit in. Make sure you plan enough time before the movie to allow kids to design their rides! Consider asking high school students to come help with this.



Get Creative!

Perhaps you would like to have a "Car Show" before the movie and award ribbons

To begin you need to gather a few supplies:

- random cardboard box you have around your house that is big enough for the kids to sit in.

- black paper plates
- plastic table clothes
- Tape
- scissors
- Red duct tape (optional)
- Paint



Don't Forget the Snacks

Popcorn and juice boxes is an easy affordable way to provide your guests with a light snack for the movie



ADVERTISING & ADMISSION

If your lodge decides to charge for admission, provide this as a free event, or perhaps you would like to collect toys for the Annual Toy Drive that is up to you. Do what's best for your lodge. Make sure to put all the information including Date, Time, Location, Show Title on a poster.

Put posters up in high traffic locations, in the local newspaper, and share it on your local Facebook Pages prior to event. For an event like this you will have to know attendance so think about printing tickets or simply having a sign up sheet that a member is tasked to.

